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Are Priests and Mary mediators in Roman Catholicism? (Provide attribution from official Roman Catholic sources.)

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Yes, but strictly in a participatory and subordinate manner. Roman Catholic doctrine explicitly maintains that Jesus Christ is the sole, unique Mediator between God and humanity. Any mediological roles attributed to Mary or the ordained priesthood are understood as secondary participations that flow directly from, and depend entirely upon, Christ's unique mediation.

Official Roman Catholic sources define these roles as follows:

1. Mary as Mediator (Mediatrix)

The Roman Catholic Church permits the use of the title **Mediatrix** for Mary, but it explicitly qualifies the term to prevent it from being understood as equal to or independent of Christ's role.

According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, ***Lumen Gentium* (Paragraph 62)**:

> "Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator."

The ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** **(CCC 970)** expands on this, clarifying that Mary's cooperative role is an exercise of Christ's own power:

> "Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. But the Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on men . . . flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on his mediation, depends entirely on it, and draws all its power from it."

2. Priests as Mediators

In Catholic theology, ordained human priests are considered ministers of Christ's mediation, not independent bridges standing between God and man. They operate ***in persona Christi Capitis*** (in the person of Christ the Head).

The ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** **(CCC 1544)** anchors the sacrament of Holy Orders by affirming Christ's exclusive mediatorship:

> "Everything that the priesthood of the Old Covenant prefigured finds its fulfillment in Christ Jesus, the 'one mediator between God and men.'"

CCC 1545 addresses how human priests relate to this unique role, quoting St. Thomas Aquinas to show that human ministers act merely as instruments:

> "The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once and for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood: *'Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers.*'"

Furthermore, **CCC 1548** defines the exact nature of the priest's actions during the sacraments:

> "In the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice... The priest, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration, is truly made like the high priest and possesses the authority to act in the power and place of the person of Christ himself (*virtute ac persona Christi*)."

Consequently, when a Catholic priest acts in a mediological capacity (such as offering the Mass or pronouncing absolution in confession), the Church does not view him as a parallel mediator to Jesus. He is an instrumental agent through whom the one true Priest, Jesus Christ, operates.